

## WORLD OF SPORT.

Base Ball Grounds May be Selected by Mr. McKee To-day.

## THE OLD SOUTH SIDE BALL PARK

Can be Leased if Desired by the Club—It is Not Such a Disadvantageous Site as Has Been Supposed—Only a Fifteen Minutes' Car Ride—Saturday's Bowling Games. At Spink in the City—Other News in Sport's Domain.

And still the base ball grounds problem is unsolved. It is far more intricate and difficult than "Pigs in Clover" or "Fifteen Puzzle," over which so many golden hours have been wasted. Messrs. McKee, Wright and Buckenberger are entitled to the respectful commendation of crankdom.

The Inter-state league was organized at Toledo a month ago. Since then there has been an unremitting effort to get grounds, but everybody who owns a patch of ground at all suitable for a ball park seems to be in league with the arch enemy of the national game. Of course Messrs. Schumacher, Reymann and Cilles "know their business" and all that, but the "fans" can't see it that way, somehow.

If Mr. McKee comes down from Pittsburgh to-day it is probable the question of Wheeling being in the league will be settled "for keeps." It seems the Cilles people have finally made up their minds that base ball is not the proper thing to have running in their back yard, so that site is out of the question. It has long been the old park and the state fair grounds in the "Might Have Been" class.

But there are others. Mr. Wright, of the street railroad, has been getting in a few licks on the quiet. The "Little Napoleon" has matters in shape so that Mr. McKee can close a deal at once for the old Irwin park at Forty-seventh street. This ground is owned by the Judge Jacob Estate, and the administrator, Mr. A. J. Clarke, has said that it can be secured by the club. And it will not be of "sweet box" size either. When the Irwin club played there the park was rather small. Mr. Wright has made arrangements by which the ground lying between the park entrance and Jacob street, about 100 feet, can be included in the lease. With this additional ground a park as large as most can be had. It would be 500 feet long and about 400 feet wide.

Mr. McKee's idea that with the club playing at this ground there would be a diminished chance for a paying patronage, is not correct. The street railway people say the run from Fourteenth street to this park will be made in fifteen minutes. From Fourteenth street to the lot and back last year the run was made in twelve minutes. A master of three minutes will not keep a single "crank" away from the game. The street railway, also, will be in a position to have almost any number of cars ready to haul the crowds up town again, as the turns are loaded only a square away from the grounds.

The Irwin park isn't so bad as some people imagine. The "Commonwealth" lot on the Island has been mentioned as a good site for the park, but from information available, it looks as though it will be too small for a ball park. It is only a "right square," as it is claimed, it will assuredly be entirely too small.

From information received from a creditable source it is thought McKee may be able to get the bridge park on the Island, owned by the Wheeling and Belmont Bridge Company. It has been claimed by some that there is not enough ground there but others say there is barely enough for a park. Whatever is done should be done quickly.

The base ball man on the Port Wayne Journal is short on grounds, and that's no joke. Commenting on the difficulty in getting grounds here in Wheeling, he says Owensboro, Ky., is ready to come in on the league in the National City's place. But here in the geographical slander of which the Journal man is guilty.

Owensboro is but a short distance from Wheeling, and if the latter city should leave the league, the new member would be right in line, so that a pre-arranged schedule would not require many changes.

And they have a public school system in Indiana. By the shortest possible rail route, the distance from Wheeling to Owensboro is 470 miles. From New Castle it is at least 660 miles to Owensboro. This may be a "short distance" to Indiana eyes but over here in West Virginia it is a "right peart jump." Make it Owensboro and you'll be talking.

## WITH THE BOWLERS

The Nightly Record of Strikes and Spares on the Alleys.

## SOUTH SIDE LEAGUE.

|            | W. | L. | Pct. |
|------------|----|----|------|
| Hartnett   | 47 | 13 | .783 |
| Matt Pouch | 44 | 16 | .733 |
| Mozart     | 38 | 22 | .633 |
| LaBelle    | 36 | 24 | .600 |
| Apollon    | 33 | 27 | .556 |
| Standard   | 22 | 38 | .367 |
| Novice     | 19 | 41 | .317 |
| Orient     | 11 | 49 | .183 |

In the South Side bowling league the Matt Pouch team defeated Standard three straight, sending the latter down the tobacconist into sixth place. Score:

|           | W.  | L.  | Pct. |
|-----------|-----|-----|------|
| STANDARD  | 141 | 24  | .367 |
| Novice    | 132 | 146 | .302 |
| Apollon   | 129 | 144 | .298 |
| LaBelle   | 126 | 147 | .287 |
| Standard  | 123 | 150 | .250 |
| Schellie  | 115 | 146 | .215 |
| Rockmeyer | 112 | 143 | .204 |

Totals 803 872 884 2559

STANDARD, 1st 2d 3d Total  
Novice 126 146 123 412  
Apollon 127 110 115 352  
LaBelle 122 113 122 357  
Standard 125 113 123 361  
Novice 137 163 128 417  
Orient 118 156 137 411

Totals 780 850 780 2410

MUSEE LEAGUE.

|                | W. | L. | Pct. |
|----------------|----|----|------|
| Brownies       | 46 | 11 | .807 |
| Isabelles      | 38 | 16 | .704 |
| Namaleas       | 40 | 17 | .702 |
| Musee          | 28 | 29 | .491 |
| Bombard        | 23 | 34 | .404 |
| H. C. Richards | 20 | 37 | .351 |
| Press Club     | 15 | 39 | .279 |
| Independent    | 12 | 45 | .214 |

In the Musee League names tramped all over Benbow's, although the latter made two 100-scores and Hickmeyer broke the state individual record by cracking out 254. Score:

|           | W.  | L.  | Pct. |
|-----------|-----|-----|------|
| NAMALEAS  | 141 | 24  | .367 |
| Compell   | 160 | 175 | .420 |
| Wesley    | 150 | 125 | .545 |
| Cassbauer | 163 | 138 | .540 |
| Handman   | 205 | 174 | .540 |
| Hall      | 150 | 125 | .545 |
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Totals 967 920 984 2861

BEARHOUT, 1st 2d 3d Total  
Long 148 148 185 481  
Wood 170 148 137 455  
Rockmeyer 168 254 114 536  
Hickmeyer 145 124 123 392  
Hickmeyer 118 121 128 367  
Hickmeyer 151 123 140 414

Totals 903 851 940 2648

AL SPINK IN TOWN.

"The Derby Winner" Man a Prominent Figure in Base Ball.

Albert H. Spink, author-manager of "The Derby Winner," which will be seen at the Opera House to-night, is in the city with his play. His dramatic

writings have not been confined to this successful play. He is the author of "The Bloomer Girl," the title of which he has copyrighted. Al Spink, as he is familiarly known, is also the well known editor of The Sporting News, the only base ball paper of the west. It was he who signed the king of short-stops, Wheeling's great star, Jack Glasscock, to play with the St. Louis Maroons, when Henry Lucas was its president, back in the early 'eighties. Mr. Spink's partner, George Munson, signed Glasscock afterwards to play on the St. Louis Browns, and Jack became a prime favorite in St. Louis. To-night he will officiate as starter in the great Derby match at Al Spink's play.

"Though this is my first visit to Wheeling, I have always had a great desire to visit your lively city," said Mr. Spink last evening. "I have known a great many of the lovers of blooded stock who hail from this part of the country, and I feel myself among friends here."

One of Mr. Spink's greatest journalistic achievements was his heroic work during the yellow fever scourge in the south. He represented the New York Herald and of a dozen correspondents, was the only one to escape the terrible "yellow jack." His reports gave him a general reputation. The Herald paid \$5,000 for his assignment, and James Gordon Bennett, sr., editorially commended his work.



## YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Pittsburgh...H. K. BEDFORD, 1 a. m.  
Pittsburgh...BEN HUR, 5 a. m.  
Pittsburgh...RUTH, 10 a. m.  
Cincinnati...HURDON, 1 p. m.  
Pittsburgh...VIRGINIA, 2 p. m.

## BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Clarington...JEWEL, 1:30 p. m.  
Pittsburgh...BEN HUR, 11 a. m.

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Cincinnati...VIRGINIA, 8 a. m.  
Pittsburgh...H. K. BEDFORD, 8 a. m.  
Pittsburgh...LIBERTY, 11 a. m.  
Pittsburgh...VIRGINIA, 11 a. m.  
Clarington...JEWEL, 1:30 p. m.

## Along the Landing.

The Virginia will be to-morrow's Cincinnati packet, leaving at 8 a. m. The Cincinnati boats will be back on their regular schedule in a few days.

The marks at 6 p. m. showed 8 feet 2 inches and rising slowly. Weather cooler, with "wet" snow.

Marion Black, of the Busy Bee restaurant, has resigned to accept a position on the packet Evansville.

The Nellie Walton with a tow of empties passed up at 8 a. m. yesterday. The Sam Brown followed at 4 p. m.

Captain William Bay's packet now building at Ironton, Ohio, may be named the City of Ironton. As she will be in a trade-Pittsburgh and Kanawha river—where she will not touch at Ironton, it would be more fitting to call her City of Wheeling. What's the matter with this suggestion? The new boat is to be much larger than the Lizzie Bay, being about the size of the Henry M. Stanley.

All of the boats that touched at the Wheeling wharf yesterday had good trips. The H. K. Bedford was the first of the lot; she passed up for Pittsburgh at 1 a. m., on her first trip since she laid up recently on account of the ice. The Ben Hur, for Pittsburgh at 5 a. m., departed with an enormous trip, loaded to the guards. The Ruth, from the Big Kanawha, for Pittsburgh, passed up at 10 a. m. with a first class trip. The Hudson at 1 p. m. for Cincinnati and the Virginia, for Pittsburgh, both had big offerings.

There is going to be a considerable rise in the river early this week. Yesterday's reports from headwater points are to the effect that the Allegheny is rising rapidly and that the ice in the upper part of that stream is now coming out. It was passing Pittsburgh yesterday and is reported to be very heavy. Unless the ice sinks before getting far down the Ohio it will send the numerous towboats, returning to Pittsburgh with empties, to the bank.

The Hudson, for Cincinnati, took out the heaviest shipment of Wheeling cut nails seen on the river since the palmy days of the nail business. At the Laughlin mill landing she remained several hours, taking on 2,000 kegs of nails for southern points. At the Belmont landing she added 400 kegs and at the LaBelle landing another shipment of 300 kegs was taken on board. It is many a day since a steamboat has taken 2,700 kegs of nails from Wheeling mills. The Keystone state, by the way, had a big shipment of nails on her last trip, getting 1,200 kegs at the Belmont landing. It can be seen that the nail business is really picking up.

As exclusively reported in this paper last week, the Evansville has been purchased by Captain William Goodwin, late clerk on the Lexington, and will run in a local trade. The boat was brought down from Pittsburgh on Saturday and will remain at the wharf this week and part of next; receiving needed repairs and a general overhauling before entering her trade. Captain Goodwin says he will run the Evansville in the Wheeling and Newport trade, leaving Wheeling on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 11 o'clock. In addition the Evansville will make an extra trip on Sunday, leaving at 11 a. m., going to Goodwin's wharf, and returning will arrive here at 11 a. m.

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## IN OIL'S DOMAIN.

The Stephens Oil Company Quarrel is Settled—The Pipe Line to the Cameron Gasser—Other Oil News.

The quarrel indulged in by two factions among the stockholders of the Stephens Oil Company, of this city, has been mentioned on several occasions in the Intelligencer. It is now given out that the difficulty has been settled by the buying out of the interests of the "anti-combiners." Messrs. McKee, Dickinson and the other "combiners" have purchased the holdings of Messrs. Schockley, Ackerman and others, amounting to about twenty shares, on the basis of \$250 per share, making the total amount that figures in the transaction nearly \$5,000. The company has one shallow well in the Waverly field and its property is accounted very promising on account of its proximity to the great territory on one side, that of Hostetter & Co. The final papers in the deal are yet to be signed, but there is no doubt of its speedy consummation.

The Wheeling Natural Gas Company expects to have the pipe line from its Cameron gasser built through a connection with the Wheeling mains in about six weeks. The pipe is now being delivered along the route of the pipe line and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The output of the gasser, which is now shut down, is more than enough to supply the entire manufacturing demand of Wheeling and surrounding communities. The company is now putting down two other gassers on its territory near the big well.

The feature of the past week in the southwest oil fields was the coming in of the big gusher of the Devonian Oil Company on the Weekly farm, near Centerville, Tyler county. It has made certain that the activity in the interior of Tyler this summer will be greater than in any other portion of the oil fields. Leases on property in that vicinity are scarce as hen's teeth, so the talent who were not fortunate enough to get in before the big Bullman, Kyle and Weekly wells came in are now buying up royalties and part shares in the lease at away-up figures. Several wells are now about due in the gusher territory and their coming in will be watched with great interest.

Some very sensational reports have been sent out relative to the Beren grit strike on the Lewing Ogden farm, at Waverly. It is owned by Wheeling parties and was drilled into the Beren last Tuesday, and at fourteen feet in the sand began to flow, and in three days put 110 barrels in the tank, flowing through the casing. This is the first well to get oil in the Beren in the Waverly development, and will, no doubt, be a great incentive for drilling more wells to that formation. Above Waverly, in the Bull creek territory several new wells will be due in a few days. The Eastern Oil Company and Finnegan's No. 1, on the Ross, in that part of the field, is rated at twenty barrels a day. The Kanawha Oil Company's test, at the Plum tree tract, across the Ohio river, is still delayed, but will be drilled in this week.

## Mr. Messersmith Ill.

Charles A. Messersmith, formerly agent of the Wheeling & Lake Erie at Martin's Ferry and at Bellaire for some time past, is dangerously ill with quick consumption at Steubenville. He has been talking of going to Hot Springs, but it is not believed that he could stand the trip. Mr. Messersmith was married only last June.

## MARTIN'S FERRY.

Haps and Mishaps in the Thriving City Across the River.

C. W. Owensley, the architect, of Youngstown, attended the dedication of the central school building on Saturday, and says it is one of the best jobs he ever saw. He has a school building at Sharon, Ohio, and is now on the way to the value of \$200,000.

Last evening Miss Ella Schofield and Mr. L. W. Demick were quietly married by Rev. J. T. Foster, of the Episcopal church, at the residence of the bride's parents, Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Schofield, on Walnut street.

Quarterly meeting will be held in the E. C. church next Sunday. Presiding Elder Stewart will preach on Wednesday and Thursday evening. The revival continues at this church.

Wrightman Frazier and Fred Hall will have a concert of the dental office of Dr. Will H. Hall until the latter returns from California, May 1.

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## THEY'RE PROUD OF IT.

Martin's Ferry New Central School Dedicated with Impressive Ceremonies—Dr. Riker's Splendid Address—A Cantata to be Given.

The dedication of Martin's Ferry's splendid new school building on Saturday was a success.

The day was the most memorable one in the public schools in every particular. The parade headed by the Grand Opera House band of Wheeling, was a large one and an immense crowd assembled at the building to inspect it and attend the exercises. Music was furnished by the band and the alumni and patriotic songs were sung by the crowd.

The dedicatory prayer by Rev. Dr. J. W. Robinson, of the M. E. church, was brief and appropriate. Mr. M. Aldridge, president of the board of education, gave a history of the Martin's Ferry schools, dating back to 1822, when a log cabin was occupied. He presented the keys to Superintendent J. W. Stewart, who offered congratulations and told of the public school system.

The chief address, by Rev. Dr. A. B. Riker, of Wheeling, was a masterly one, brim full of patriotism and occupied twenty minutes. Dr. Riker was frequently interrupted by enthusiastic applause. His plain, outspoken utterances pleased greatly in his hearing. On behalf of the patriotic orders he presented a large flag to the school and this, together with the class colors, was proudly raised amid vociferous cheering.

Mr. A. W. Harris responded for the schools in a happy manner. He was followed by Mr. William Ellifritz, who told very briefly the American flag should be placed on every public school building, and this he did well. Mr. Ellifritz received his full share of applause.

The entertainment in the high school room on Saturday night was worth several times the price of admission. It reflected great credit on the alumni, under whose auspices it was given and of which fifty-eight members were present. Standing room was at a premium and a neat sum was realized for the tower clock fund.

The first part consisted of literary and musical numbers by the members of the alumni and every number was well received. At times the applause was deafening. Mrs. Flora Williams, Prof. Edward Blumenberg and Miss Carrie Crossley responded to encores and still the large audience wanted more.

The second half of the program consisted of a spelling bee and this, too, was enjoyed. Owing to the length of the program, the crowded room and the time consumed in choosing spellers the spelling match lasted only a half hour. Dr. J. M. Blackford and Mrs. Frank McCarty were the captains and Superintendent Stewart and Thomas Mitchell pronounced the winners, using the McGuffey speller. Blackford's side won, having thirteen left on the floor to eleven by Mrs. McCarty.

Citizens and members of the board of education have pledged themselves to take tickets to the value of \$25 for the cantata, "Ruth," to be given in April, under the direction of C. Gray for the purpose of raising money for a town clock to be placed in the Central school tower. Many of the citizens have not yet been seen and it is thought that the guarantee can be considerably increased.

About fifty persons will be in the cast. Mrs. Flora Williams takes the leading part. The cantata will be rendered on two nights, probably April 17 and 18. The first rehearsal will be next Friday evening. "Ruth" is a beautiful production and has been successfully produced in some of the large cities, notably Washington, D. C., last winter and again this winter. As who have seen it speak in very high terms.

What a great quantity of good there is to be done by a woman! There are so many little time and strength-taking chores that have no names. And it must all be done whether the housewife feels like it or not. This is true of men's work too, but men's manual labor is never so complicated as housekeeping. In some way or other the world's work must be done. This iron-clad rule is harder on women than it is on men.

man can't be as sick as a woman.

As a man's organization is simpler and stronger, it follows that his ailments are less complicated. He is not subject to the changes and changes, physiologically, that come to the average woman.

If a woman is in good health there is no more healthful employment than housework. Generally speaking, there is no happier woman in the world than the one who we and busy all day long "making home" for dear ones who depend upon her. But how different when every breath is pain, every step torture! This state of health, in nine cases out of ten comes from derangements of the delicate, feminine organs of generation. The family doctor inquires first concerning the wife. He most usually insists upon an "examination." From this the modest woman naturally shrinks. She is right. Receiving in very unusual cases of "female weakness," examinations are unnecessary. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a simple, natural remedy for these ills. It cures gradually, safely, permanently. Here is one testimonial out of thousands: